

To the Chairman and Members of the Ross Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1921, and am able to state that the District maintains its healthy record. The chief items of interest are firstly the low death rate, only 10.78 per 1,000 population, and the lowest rate for some years, and secondly the extremely slight incidence of notifiable disease, only two cases of diphtheria, and one of Typhoid being registered. The Birth-rate too, is improving, although lower than the year before, but in advance of previous years.

The District is solely Agricultural, there being no Factories in the Area.

The Cowsheds, Dairies, Workshops, and Bakehouses have all been inspected during the year, and alterations and defects, where necessary, remedied.

The Water-supply in a large and scattered Rural District is always a problem. The whole District has, of necessity, to depend upon wells and springs for its supply, except in one parish—Llangarren—which has a good water supply system of its own.

A portion of one parish (Hoarwithy, Hentland) is very badly off for a domestic supply, many houses depending solely upon the unfiltered river water. This regrettable state of affairs has been commented upon before, and endeavours made, between your Council and the Hentland Parish Council, to secure an adequate supply, so far without result, the great expense being, I understand, the stumbling block.

To go into details:—

NURSING:—Most Parishes maintain their own Nurse, your Council contributing to their support. Infectious cases are, if necessary, removed to an Isolation Cottage at Drybrook. There not being a proper Hospital in the District.

Tuberculosis cases are dealt with by the County M.O.H. who has a Clinic in Ross every fortnight.

Maternity cases are nursed by the District Nurses who are qualified to attend such cases, and the Ross Infant Welfare and Maternity Hospital admits cases.

Children are treated at the local Infant Welfare. The Ross Poor Law Institution provides accommodation for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants, and homeless children.

MOTOR AMBULANCE:—Through the generosity of the Red Cross Society, a Motor Ambulance is stationed in Ross and is available for accidents and cases of illness. Infectious cases are removed by private motor-car.

Specimens for Pathological and Bacteriological examination are sent to the County Laboratory at Hereford, and the Poor Law Dispenser is authorised to keep a supply of antitoxin and other vaccines.

I append a summary of work done during the year by the Sanitary Inspector.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

A. J. CAMPBELL, M.O.H.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR ROSS RURAL AREA, 1921.

Acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61,033
Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,030
Number of inhabited houses, 1921	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,477
Number of families or separate occupiers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,502
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£84,482
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£263 7s. 8d.

BIRTHS.

			Total.		Male.		Female.	
1921. Births:	{	Legitimate	...	190	...	89	...	101
	{	Illegitimate	...	13	...	8	...	5
1920.	...	Total Births	...	262—25.76 per 1,000 population.				
1919.	...	Total Births	...	180—17.67 per 1,000 population.				

DEATHS.

1921. Total Nett Deaths registered in the District, 108—a ratio of 10.76 per 1,000 population.
 Viz.: 48 Males and 60 Females.

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 1920. Total Nett Deaths, 136—13.38 „ „
 1919. Total Nett Deaths, 140—14.3 „ „

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE:—

Legitimate ... 10—5 Males. 5 Females. Illegitimate—Nil.
 Deaths from Diarrhoea: (Under 2 years of age)—3 Females.

OTHER CAUSES OF DEATH WERE:

Influenza	...	...	1	Tuberculosis Diseases	...	...	6
Cancer	...	...	11	Rheumatic Fever	...	...	1
Diabetes	...	...	1	Cerebral Hæmorrhage	...	...	8
Heart Disease	...	...	20	Arterio-sclerosis	...	...	9
Bronchitis	...	...	8	Pneumonia	...	...	4
Ulcer of Stomach	...	...	1	Appendicitis	...	...	2
Cirrhus of Liver	...	...	1	Nephritis	...	...	2
Congenital Debility	...	...	4	Other Deaths from Violence	...	...	1
Other defined Diseases	...	...	24	Causes unknown	...	...	1

There were 24 Deaths between the ages of 80 and 90, and 4 Deaths between the ages of 90 and 100.
 10 Babies died under one year of age.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The following Diseases were notified during the year:—

DISEASES.	Total Cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	...	Nil.	Nil.
Typhoid Fever	...	Nil.	Nil.
Erysipelas	...	Nil.	Nil.
Opthalmia Neonatorum	...	Nil.	Nil.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Pulmonary { Male ... 3 } Total 8.
 Female ... 5 }

DURING THE YEAR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED:—

Weston-under-Penyard...	Chicken Pox.	Brockhampton	...	Coughs and Colds.
Bishopswood	...	Lea	...	Coughs and Colds
King's Caple	...	Linton	...	Opthalmia.

Summary of Work performed by the Sanitary Inspector during the year 1921.

CLERICAL :

Statuary Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Preliminary	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Notices to Schools <i>re</i> infectious cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Letters written	...	...	...	...	...	...	119
Proceedings taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Convictions	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES :

Enquiries and Reports	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Removed to Isolation Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Houses disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Bedding and bed clothing	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 lots
Shelters	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

WATER SUPPLY.

Supplies to Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Water certificates granted	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

HOUSING ACT :

Houses inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	205
Houses closed	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Closing orders determined Nos. 101 and 243.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 }
Houses erected	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Houses demolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Houses made fit	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

HOUSE DRAINS :

Laid, re-laid, trapped	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tests applied. 10 Hydraulic and 5 smoke	...	...	...	...	...	...	15

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS :

Persons on Register	20
Inspections	29

SLAUGHTER HOUSES :

Inspected	4
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WORKSHOPS INCLUDING BAKEHOUSES :

Inspected	29
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SAMPLES OF WATER ANALYSED :

Submitted	8
Found Polluted	1

